

# SAFETY RECALL

NORTH AMERICA

## Instrument Panel Cluster Brightness



Reference: 88A / NHTSA 23V-576

FCA US LLC



Remedy available for:

2023 (MP) Compass

Remedy **NOT** available for:

2022 (MP) Compass

Template Version 1.0

### Revision

### Edition

### Detail

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August 2023

MDP is now supported for this flash procedure.

## SYMPTOM DESCRIPTION

The Body Control Module (BCM) on about 181,990 of the above vehicles may have been built with incorrectly programmed body control module ("BCM") software which may result in an instrument panel cluster ("IPC") backlight with no adjustability.

An IPC display that is not visible to the driver may result in the driver's attention being distracted from the driving task while trying to locate a desired display, which can cause a vehicle crash without prior warning.

Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard ("FMVSS") 571.101 Controls and displays S5.3.2, Brightness of illumination of controls and indicators, states that controls and indicators "must be adjustable to provide at least two levels of brightness." Vehicles produced with incorrectly programmed BCM software can experience the inability to adjust the brightness on the instrument panel center cluster to provide at least two levels of brightness.

## SCOPE

**IMPORTANT:** Some of the involved vehicles may be in dealer new vehicle inventory. Federal law requires you to complete this recall service on these vehicles before retail delivery. Dealers should also consider this requirement to apply to used vehicle inventory and should perform this recall on vehicles in for service. Involved vehicles can be determined by using the VIP inquiry process.

## REPAIR TO BE PERFORMED

Update BCM software.

## COMPLETION REPORTING / REIMBURSEMENT

Claims for vehicles that have been serviced must be submitted on the DealerCONNECT Claim Entry Screen located on the Service tab. Claims paid will be used by FCA to record recall service completions and provide dealer payments.

Use the following labor operation numbers and time allowances:

Labor Description	Number	Hrs
Inspect BCM Software Level	18-88-A1-81	0.2
Inspect and Reprogram Body Control module (BCM) Software	18-88-A1-82	0.3

**NOTE:** See the Warranty Administration Manual, Recall Claim Processing Section, for complete recall claim processing instructions.

## PARTS INFORMATION

No parts are required to perform this service procedure.

## SPECIAL TOOLS

Number	Description	Picture
NPN	wiTECH MicroPod II or MDP	
NPN	Laptop Computer	
NPN	wiTECH Software	

## DEALER NOTIFICATION

To view this notification on DealerCONNECT, select "Global Recall System" on the Service tab, then click on the description of this notification.

## OWNER NOTIFICATION / SERVICE SCHEDULING

All involved vehicle owners known to FCA are being notified of the service requirement by first class mail. They are requested to schedule appointments for this service with their dealers. A generic copy of the owner letter is attached.

## VEHICLE LISTS, GLOBAL RECALL SYSTEM, VIP AND DEALER FOLLOW UP

All involved vehicles have been entered into the DealerCONNECT Global Recall System (GRS) and Vehicle Information Plus (VIP) for dealer inquiry as needed.

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GRS provides involved dealers with an updated VIN list of their incomplete vehicles. The owner's name, address and phone number are listed if known. Completed vehicles are removed from GRS within several days of repair claim submission.

To use this system, click on the "**Service**" tab and then click on "**Global Recall System**." Your dealer's VIN list for each recall displayed can be sorted by: those vehicles that were unsold at recall launch, those with a phone number, city, zip code, or VIN sequence.

**Dealers must perform this repair on all unsold vehicles before retail delivery.** Dealers should also use the VIN list to follow up with all owners to schedule appointments for this repair.

*Recall VIN lists may contain confidential, restricted owner name and address information that was obtained from the Department of Motor Vehicles of various states. Use of this information is permitted for this recall only and is strictly prohibited from all other use.*

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have any questions or need assistance in completing this action, please contact your Service and Parts District Manager.

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## SERVICE PROCEDURE

### A. Body Control Module (BCM) Update

**IMPORTANT:** Either the wiTECH MicroPod II or Mopar Diagnostic Pod (MDP) can be used for this BCM software flash.

**NOTE:** If the reprogramming flash for the BCM is aborted or interrupted, repeat the procedure.

1. Open the hood. Install a battery charger and verify that the charging rate provides 13.0 to 13.5 volts. Do not allow the charger to time out during the flash process. Set the battery charger timer (if so equipped) to continuous charge.

**NOTE:** Use an accurate stand-alone voltmeter. The battery charger volt meter may not be sufficiently accurate. Voltages outside of the specified range will cause an unsuccessful flash. If voltage reading is too high, apply an electrical load by activating the park or headlamps and/or HVAC blower motor to lower the voltage.

2. Connect the wiTECH MicroPod II or MDP to the vehicle data link connector.
3. Place the ignition in the "RUN" position.
4. Open the wiTECH 2.0 website.
5. Enter your "User id" and "Password" and your "Dealer Code", then select "Sign In" at the bottom of the screen. Click "Accept".
6. From the "Vehicle Selection" screen, select the vehicle to be updated.
7. From the "Action Items" screen, select the "Topology" tab.

**NOTE:** The BCM must be at the latest software calibration level after completing this recall.

8. From the "Topology" tab, select the "Body Control Module (BCM)" module icon.
9. From the "Flash" tab, compare the "Current Electronic Control Unit (ECU) Part Number" with the "New ECU Part Number" listed.
  - If the "Current ECU part Number" is the same as the "New Part Number", proceed to **Step 18**.
  - If the "Current ECU part Number" is NOT the same as the "New Part Number", continue with **Step 10**.

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10. From the BCM tab, select the flash part number. Read the flash special instructions page. Select “**OK**” to continue.
11. From the flash ECU agreement page, agree to terms by checking the box.
12. Select “**Flash ECU**” and then follow the wiTECH screen instructions to complete the flash.
13. Cycle the ignition.
14. Wait a few seconds.
15. Confirm the software is at the latest available calibration level.
16. Navigate to the guided diagnostic tab, select “**ECU Reset**”, then select the module and follow the screen prompts.
17. Click “**View DTCs**”, select “**Clear All DTCs**”, click “**Continue**” and then click “**Close**”.
18. Place the ignition in the “**OFF**” position and then remove the wiTECH MicroPod II or MDP device from the vehicle.
19. Remove the battery charger from the vehicle.
20. Close the vehicle hood.

This notice applies to your vehicle,

[Model Year and Model]

VIN XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

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LOGO

VEHICLE PICTURE

**YOUR SCHEDULING OPTIONS**

**1. RECOMMENDED OPTION**

Call your authorized Chrysler / Dodge / Jeep® / RAM Dealership.

**2. Call the FCA Recall Assistance Center at 1-800-853-1403. An agent can confirm part availability and help schedule an appointment**

**3. Visit recalls.mopar.com, scan the QR code below, or download the Mopar Owner’s Companion App.**

QR Code

Get access to recall notifications, locate your nearest dealer, and more through this website or Mopar Owner’s Companion App. You will be asked to provide your Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) to protect and verify your identity. The last eight characters of your VIN are provided above.

**DEALERSHIP INSTRUCTIONS**

Please reference Safety Recall 88A.

# IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

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Dear [Name],

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

FCA US LLC has decided that certain [2022 and 2023 Model Year (MP) Jeep® Compass] vehicles fail to conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 571.101 Controls and Displays.

It is extremely important to take steps now to repair your vehicle to ensure the safety of you and your passengers.

### WHY DOES MY VEHICLE NEED REPAIRS?

The Body Control Module (BCM) on your vehicle <sup>[1]</sup> may have been built with incorrectly programmed software which may result in an Instrument Panel Cluster (IPC) backlight with no adjustability. **An IPC display that is not visible to the driver may result in the driver's attention being distracted from the driving task while trying to locate a desired display, which can cause a vehicle crash without prior warning.**

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### HOW DO I RESOLVE THIS IMPORTANT SAFETY ISSUE?

FCA US will repair your vehicle <sup>[2]</sup> free of charge (parts and labor). To do this, your dealer will update the BCM software. The estimated repair time is 30 minutes. In addition, your dealer will require your vehicle for proper check-in, preparation, and check-out during your visit, which may require more time. Your time is important to us, so we recommend that you schedule a service appointment to minimize your inconvenience. Please bring this letter with you to your dealership.

**TO SCHEDULE YOUR FREE REPAIR,  
CALL YOUR CHRYSLER, DODGE, JEEP OR RAM DEALER TODAY**

### WHAT IF I ALREADY PAID TO HAVE THIS REPAIR COMPLETED?

If you have already experienced this specific condition and have paid to have it repaired, you may visit [www.fcarecallreimbursement.com](http://www.fcarecallreimbursement.com) to submit your reimbursement request online. <sup>[3]</sup> Once we receive and verify the required documents, reimbursement will be sent to you within 60 days. If you have had previous repairs performed and/or already received reimbursement, you may still need to have the recall repair performed.

We apologize for any inconvenience, but are sincerely concerned about your safety. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Customer Assistance/Field Operations  
FCA US LLC



**Mr. Mrs. Customer**  
**1234 Main Street**  
**Hometown, MI 48371**

[1] If you no longer own this vehicle, please help us update our records. Call the FCA Recall Assistance Center at 1-800-853-1403 to update your information.

[2] If your dealer fails or is unable to remedy this defect without charge and within a reasonable time, you may submit a written complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E., Washington, DC 20590, or you can call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to [safercar.gov](http://safercar.gov).

[3] You can also mail in your original receipts and proof of payment to the following address for reimbursement consideration: FCA Customer Assistance, P.O. Box 21-8004, Auburn Hills, MI 48321-8007, Attention: Recall Reimbursement.

Note to lessors receiving this recall notice: Federal regulation requires that you forward this recall notice to the lessee within 10 days.